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What is claimed is:

1. A resealable container having a container opening, said resealable container comprising a rim and a multilayer film covering the container opening and the rim, the multilayer film comprising at least an outer layer, a sealing layer facing the rim and a layer of adhesive between the outer layer and the sealing layer and the sealing layer being secured around the rim and containing a weak spot such that when the resealable container is first opened a double bead of said sealing layer remains on the rim in the region of the weak spot.
2. A resealable container as claimed in claim 1, wherein the outer layer comprises at least one material selected from the group consisting of polyethylene terephthalate, polyamide, biaxially oriented polypropylene, polyvinyl chloride, metal foil, and paper.
3. A resealable container as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sealing layer is comprised of at least one polyolefin selected from the group consisting of propylene copolymers and high-density polyethylene.
4. A resealable container as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sealing layer is comprised of a polymeric material having a melting point of 80 to 160°C.
5. A resealable container as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sealing layer comprises weak spots in the form of weakening lines.
6. A resealable container as claimed in claim 1, wherein the multilayer film comprises at least:
 - a) an outer layer; and
 - b) two sealing layers, the sealing layers being separated by an

adhesive layer which occupies 70 to 99% of the surface area of a sealing layer.

7. A resealable container as claimed in claim 6, wherein the multilayer film is sealed against the rim in such a way that 65 to 85% of the sealable periphery of the rim has a double bead and 35 to 15% of the sealable periphery of the rim is permanently sealed.
8. A resealable container as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sealing layer comprises a sealable layer of cold sealing adhesive or heat sealing adhesive.
9. A resealable container as claimed in claim 1, wherein the layer of adhesive has a thickness of 2 to 30 micrometers.
10. A resealable container as claimed in claim 1, wherein the layer of adhesive comprises a pressure-sensitive adhesive with a Brookfield viscosity at 150°C, as measured by ASTM D 3236 88, in the range from 5,000 m.Pas to 30,000 m.Pas.
11. A resealable container as claimed in claim 1, wherein the layer of adhesive comprises:
- A) 1 to 50% by weight of at least one basic polymer selected from the group consisting of ethylene copolymers and styrene copolymers;
 - B) 1 to 80% by weight of at least one resin selected from the group consisting of aliphatic, cycloaliphatic and aromatic hydrocarbon resins;
 - D) 1 to 30% by weight of at least one plasticizer selected from the group consisting of medicinal white spirits and naphthenic mineral oils; and

F) 0 to 3% by weight of at least one auxiliary;
the sum of the components being 100% by weight.

12. A resealable container as claimed in claim 1, wherein the layer of
5 adhesive comprises a radiation-crosslinked adhesive.
13. A resealable container as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sealing
layer is embrittled in the region of the weak spot.
- 10 14. A resealable container as claimed in claim 1, wherein said weak
spot is formed using a sealing tool comprising two sealing walls separated
from one another by a space and each sealing wall has a width of 1 to 16
mm.
- 15 15. A resealable container as claimed in claim 1, wherein said weak
spot is formed using a sealing tool comprising two sealing walls separated
from one another by a space and each sealing wall has a width of 2 to 6
mm.
- 20 16. A resealable container as claimed in claim 1, wherein said weak
spot is formed using a sealing tool comprising two sealing walls separated
from one another by a space having a width of 0.5 to 18 mm.
- 25 17. A resealable container as claimed in claim 1, wherein said weak
spot is formed using a sealing tool comprising two sealing walls separated
from one another by a space having a width of 1.5 to 5 mm.
- 30 18. A process for producing the resealable container claimed in claim 1,
said process comprising sealing the multilayer film against the rim using a
sealing tool comprising two sealing walls separated from one another by a

space.

19. A process as claimed in claim 18, wherein the sealing layer is embrittled in the region of the weak spot.

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20. The resealable container claimed in claim 1 in combination with a food product packaged therein.